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SUBJECT: MBFR: MARCH 21 NAC

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

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1. WE ASSUME AD HOC GROUP ON MARCH 21 WILL STILL BE EXAMINING RESULTS OF MARCH 20 CONTACTS WITH SOVIETS AND HUNGARIANS, WHETHER OR NOT ANY SUBSEQUENT EAST- WEST MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED. THUS WE DO NOT FORESEE ANY NEED FOR MARCH 21 NAC TO ACT OR ISSUE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO AHG ON PARTICIPATION ISSUE.

2. TO KEEP DISCUSSION OF MBFR ITEM ON AGENDA (REFTEL) IN FOCUS, WE BELIEVE MARCH 21 NAC DISCUSSION SHOULD BE KEYED TO WEEKLY PERSONAL REPORT PREPARED BY AHG CHAIRMAN FOR PERIOD MARCH 12-17 AND REVIEWED BY AHG MARCH 19. (WE UNDERSTAND TEXT BEING TRANSMITTED BY U. S. DEL MBFR TO WASHINGTON AND USNATO, AS WELL AS BY BELGIUM IN USUAL CHANNELS FOR OTHER NATO DELS.)
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3. ON QUESTION OF PARALLEL CONTACTS ON PARTICIPATION AND INFORMAL PLENARIES ON OTHER QUESTIONS, WHICH UK IS STILL

PRESSING AND ITALY OPPOSES, WE NOTE THAT U. S. REP HAS SUGGESTED BRIDGING DIFFERENCES BY EVENTUAL USE OF " MULTIPLE BILATERALS" FOR AGENDA DISCUSSIONS (VIENNA 2142 LIMDIS). WE DO NOT INTEND TO RAISE THIS ISSUE, BUT CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN THE EVENT THAT OTHERS RAISE IT.

4. ONCE AHG HAS CLEAR PICTURE OF SOVIET COUNTERPROPOSALS TO ALLIES' MARCH 13 DEMARCHE ON PARTICIPATION, SUGGEST DELIBERATION AND ANALYSIS BY AHG OF VARIOUS OPTIONS POSSIBLE WITHIN EXISTING NAC GUIDANCE BEFORE AGAIN INVOLVING NAC. AT THAT POINT WHERE NAC IS ASKED TO SERVE AS FOCAL POINT FOR CONSULTATIONS TO DEVELOP AN ALLIED RESPONSE, WE CONCUR WITH U. S. REP THAT AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE AN AGREED AHG RECOMMENDATION MIGHT FACILITATE THIS PROCESS (VIENNA 1952 LIMDIS). PROCESS MIGHT BE FURTHER AIDED IF RECOMMENDATION DEVELOPED IN VIENNA WERE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD TO BE ON AD REF BASIS; GOVERNMENTS COULD WAIT TO COMMENT THROUGH NAC PERMREPS. THIS WOULD AVOID NEED FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON THE RECOMMENDATION TO BE SENT FIRST TO VIENNA AND AGAIN TO BRUSSELS. RUMSFELD

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